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A METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR PROCESSING CONFIDENTIAL CODES

5   A method of processing confidential codes in a
system having secure functions (180), the method
comprising the steps consisting in:
          - receiving a code;
          - verifying a first entitlement for accessing a
10   first function (180), and as determined by a first code;
          - authorizing access to the first function (180) if
the first entitlement is recognized; and
          - if the first entitlement is not recognized, using
the code to verify a second entitlement as determined by
15   a second code that is different from the first code, to
trigger at least one second function (170) without
revealing the fact that the code does not make it
possible to obtain the first entitlement. Apparatus for
implementing the method.

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